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SUBJECT: UNIFICATION MINISTER'S REMARKS ON SOUTH-NORTH RELATIONS

- 1. TESTIFYING MARCH 6 BEFORE THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE UNIFICATION MINISTER KIM YONG-SIK SAID ROKG IS STUDYING NEW ROLE FOR NATIONAL UNIFICATION BOARD (NUB) IN SOUTH-NORTH DIALOGUE. PRESS QUOTES KIM AS SAYING CONSIDERATION BEING GIVEN TO INTERGRATING COORDINATING COMMITTEE AND RED CROSS DIALOGUE CHANNELS UNDER NUB TO ACHIEVE IMPORVED COORDINATION.
- 2. ON SUBJECT SIMULTANEOUS SOUTH-NORTH ENTRY INTO U.N. AS PROPOSED BY PRESIDENT PARK ON JUNE 23, KIM SAID SUCH ADMISSION NOT AN OBSTACLE TO UNIFICATION, BUT A REALISTIC APPROACH TO PEACE. KIM ALSO REITERATED ROKG POLICY ON UNIFICATION IN WHICH HUMANITARIAN ISSUES AND NON-POLITICAL EXCHANGES SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN AS THE FIRST STEP.
- 3. RESPONDING TO QUESTION BY NDP ASSEMBLYMAN OH SE-UNG ASKING IF NON-AGGRESSION AGREEMENT PROPOSED BY PRESIDENT PARK INVOLVED REDUCTION OF ARMED FORCES, KIM SAID THAT NO CONSIDERATION IS BEING GIVENPTO REDUCTION, AND WENT ON TO ATTACK NORTHERN PROPOSALS FOR 100,000 MAN MUTUAL FORCE REDUCTION. HE SAID NORTH DOES NOT INTEVD TO REDUCE STRENGTH BUT RATHER IS ENGAGING IN UNCLASSIFIED

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